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Dear Sir:

Stockyards and slaughterhouses are a nightmare for any animal who enter their gates but the pain and suffering endured by animals who are too ill or injured to stand can be particularly brutal. Animals with broken bones have been known to be dragged with chains or pushed with tractors to the slaughter line. Others have been dumped on "dead piles" and left to slowly die of starvation surrounded by rotting corpses.

A "No Downers" campaign has been launched to try and protect injured animals from this horrific treatment. Farm Sanctuary is backing a federal bill, the Downed Animal Protection Act (S. 267), sponsored by Senator Daniel Akaka of Hawaii, which would require that downed animals be quickly and humanely euthanized at stockyards.

Please support this petition. The docket number is #98P-0151/CP1. Thank you.

Yours truly,

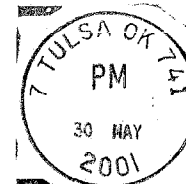


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